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Big Clean MKE = Big Success!

A small army of volunteers (including event founder Alderman Stamper) braved rainy weather on **Saturday, April 22** to take part in the **Big Clean MKE**—a citywide clean-up in memory of the Special Enforcement Inspector Greg “Ziggy” Zyszkiewicz, who lost his life during an attempted carjacking robbery while working for the people of Milwaukee in 2017. The Big Clean MKE has served as a great way for neighbors, block clubs and neighborhood groups, churches, business districts, and workplaces to get together to beautify Milwaukee and give back to the community.

“Since the Big Clean MKE began I have said time and time again that I have one simple goal—to make Milwaukee the cleanest city in the country. Neighborhoods and blocks that are clean are more appealing and beneficial for everyone. I was incredibly happy and proud to see all of the residents who volunteered on April 22nd to help make our city a cleaner place for all to enjoy—YOU represent what makes our city truly great,” Alderman Stamper said.

Event sponsors included the City of Milwaukee, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, WestCare Wisconsin, Bader Philanthropies, Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman José G. Pérez and Alderman Robert J. Bauman.



This year's Big Clean MKE was a huge success – in spite of the rainy weather! All told, 25 community-based organizations participated, as did the volunteers from three churches. As it is every year, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful was a tremendous partner, Alderman Stamper said, providing event volunteers with a trailer filled with buckets, pickers, gloves, garbage bags, rakes and brooms.

Important Information From the Department of Public Works



DPW Crews Spring to Action to Address Illegal Dumping

Too often, the spokes that are imperative in keeping the wheel of city life moving do not receive the credit they deserve. These silent ambassadors of diligence work tirelessly absent the limelight, helping to keep our city moving and as one of the cleanest cities in this nation. That trend needs to end!

In that vein, I would like to commend the hardworking sanitation skid crews of the Department of Public



Works. Their willingness to respond to our community quickly—keeping clean a site hit repeatedly with illegal dumping—has definitely not gone unnoticed.

The area of 25th and Fond du Lac in the 15th District has been struggling with the effects of illegal dumping for some time now. However, it is great to see what can occur

when the community and DPW unite as one! I encourage the community to continue to notify the City by calling (414) 286-CITY(2489) when they see any form of illegal dumping. These calls serve as the catalyst that propels the wheel of success toward alleviating illegal dumping, and citizens can receive a **reward of up to \$1,000** if the information they provide leads to a citation for illegal dumping.

If you see illegal dumping in progress, please do not confront the individual(s). Write down the details and the description of the suspect(s), vehicle make and model, license plate, the items dumped, address/location, and the date and time of the incident. Then call (414) 286-2489.

To close, I call the DPW skid crews up to the front for all to see and to say ‘Thank You’ for being some of the spokes keeping this city rolling toward being the cleanest, safest and healthiest community we can be. ▀

Want a Collection Day Reminder?

Did you know you can sign up for text messages to remind you of your garbage and recycling collection dates? Register an account and login at **milwaukee.gov/Enotify**. Once logged into your account, click on the “Subscriptions” drop down and select “Text Messaging.” After adding your phone number, and entering the confirmation code sent to your phone, click “Text Messaging” again. Add your address under “Sanitation Notifications” section. You will receive text messages to remind you of your garbage and recycling pick up dates the day before your collection.



City of Milwaukee Responding to Street Lighting Outages

Recent weather events and the freeze/thaw cycle have created a backlog of about 50 circuit outages on older street lighting circuits across the City of Milwaukee. Alderman Stamper understands the frustration of affected residents and notes DPW is working diligently to address the situation while making progress on longer-term improvements.

Street Lighting Outages

The City of Milwaukee maintains roughly 77,000 street lights much of it with an aging infrastructure powered by underground facilities. Each spring with fluctuating temperatures a freeze/thaw cycle occurs. After water penetrates the underground electrical infrastructure, it freezes and breaks open causing a disruption in the circuitry system. This series circuitry, installed nearly 100 years ago or more, is similar to old Christmas tree lights where one bad light takes down a whole strand of lights.

Addressing street lighting trouble of this nature requires digging up the ground, troubleshooting and then repairing the faulty circuitry. Fully responding to a street lighting outage can range from 24 hours to nearly a week depending largely on staff availability and the number of outages already in the queue.

The Department of Public Works Electrical Services division, which maintains the street lighting system,

is currently at a 33% vacancy rate which is affecting the response time. And with the seasonal freeze/thaw it results in a surge of outages at one time with fewer people to address them.

Addressing the Issue Immediately

While Electrical Services contributes to other city programs such as traffic control, water and sewer instrumentation, and communication network systems – beginning earlier in March, ES personnel were redeployed which has resulted in crews working seven days a week, three shifts a day to address street lighting troubles.

Alderman Stamper was a co-sponsor of an effort to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funding to address this critical issue. The Council allocated \$10 million from the first tranche of ARPA funds, and another \$10 million from the second tranche of ARPA funds to repair the most problematic circuits citywide. ■

The three ways to report street lighting outages:

- ▶ Request service online at milwaukee.gov/click4action
- ▶ Call (414) 286-CITY (2489) available 24/7
- ▶ Use the MKE Mobile Action App milwaukee.gov/ucc/mkemobile

Looking To Have a Speed Hump Considered for Your Street?

In the City of Milwaukee there is a cost associated with the construction of a speed hump based on the frontage of your property. Assessment price will vary, and this assessment can be paid in full or over multiple years. To begin the process, please email Dameon.Ellzey@milwaukee.gov or call (414) 286-3771 to enter the request.

Our office will then send your request to the Department of Public Works (DPW) and DPW will mail or email you a petition form. Once you have the petition, you must attempt to get signatures from 50 percent of residents on the block. We ask this to ensure residents on the block are aware of the project, hopefully are supportive, and understand its potential cost. Once the petition is complete, you can mail it or email it back to the DPW contact information listed on the petition.



The City then calculates the cost and sends it to property owners, along with an index card to be mailed back to our office indicating support or opposition to the project. Ald. Stamper will make a recommendation on a speed hump project based on the response from residents on the block. If we don't hear from you, we assume you are supportive or indifferent to the project and will count you in support. ■

If You See Potholes Please Report Them

When you mix rain, some snow, and swings in temperature from the 20s to the upper 40s, you have created the perfect conditions for creating potholes.

And some of those potholes can widen and deepen overnight, in just a matter of hours.

Ald. Stamper wants residents and business owners to help report potholes. If you see potholes – please – report them so city crews can be dispatched to fill them. Please remember that we can't fix what we don't know about.

If you see a dangerous pothole or a group of them:

- Call **414-286-CITY** (286-2489) and report them to City Call Center staff.
- Report via this link (select "Street Maintenance"): **www.milwaukee.gov/click4action**
- Report them using the MKE Mobile city app.



Alert Neighbor Program (Nosey Neighbor Program) helps fight crime

The Alert Neighbor Program (also known as the Nosey Neighbor Program) can help 15th District neighborhoods fight crime! The program, created by Alderman Stamper and Alderwoman Milele Coggs, is a collaborative initiative between neighborhood block clubs, the Milwaukee Police Department, Department of City Development, Department of Neighborhood Services, the Community Prosecution Unit, and area non-profit organizations to help reduce crime and keep Milwaukee neighborhoods safe.

The Alert Neighbor Program provides funding for physical improvements in the neighborhood that can range from crime watch signs, to porch lighting and more. Recipients also receive support implementing strategies like reporting criminal activity, holding regular neighborhood meetings, and planning neighborhood improvement projects.

For additional information, please contact City of Milwaukee Community Outreach Director Patricia Ruiz-Cantu at 414-286-5626.



Community Park Planned by Harley-Davidson

Harley-Davidson, Inc. has announced plans to transform a central element of its Juneau Avenue campus headquarters in the 15th District into a public park to benefit its employees and its hometown community, in addition to attracting people to the Near West Side.

Overseeing the overall creative delivery of the project, internationally acclaimed designers, Heatherwick Studio, have been commissioned to conceive an original design that will transform the concrete site into a civic and soulful green gathering space that can be used by everyone, including H-D employees and the local community.

“Milwaukee is the place we have proudly called home for 120 years. We want Harley-Davidson’s presence in Milwaukee to be more relevant than ever before, for our community, employees and our customers,” said Jochen Zeitz, Chairman, President and CEO of Harley-Davidson. “It’s important to us to protect and enhance this part of our heritage in a way that is aligned to our strategy, ensuring that it will be relevant to generations to come.”

Alderman Stamper thanked Harley-Davidson for the

tremendous gift to the community. “This public greenspace will be a great asset to the area, attracting residents and families alike. Harley deserves the credit and the thanks for a wonderful neighborhood asset that can be enjoyed for decades to come,” he said.

Over the past 18 months, the Foundation brought together a broad set of stakeholders – including members of the community – to expand a shared, long-term vision for the Near West Side and set tangible priorities to accelerate progress for its neighborhood. Among the key community needs identified was greenspace. To deliver this reality, Harley-Davidson has gifted the land identified for the project directly to the Foundation.

At the heart of the park is “The Hub”, a sunken multi-use events space, 83 meters (approximately 272 feet) wide with tiered seating, set among lush plants and trees. The design promotes the idea of togetherness for the community, riders and employees alike.

The community park development is set to break ground this spring with the park available for use by summer 2024. ■

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GiveMKE Platform Now Accepting Cash Contributions and Volunteers for City Initiatives

A recently approved secure online contribution platform – **GiveMKE** – is now live and accepting monetary donations as well as volunteers for a variety of City of Milwaukee-sponsored events and initiatives.

GiveMKE allows users to access its ‘crowdfunding’ online donation platform to support official City-sponsored events (those designated as such by Common Council resolution). Users can go to milwaukee.gov/Give-MKE to make a contribution or volunteer.

Alderman Stamper, who was a co-sponsor of the legislation creating GiveMKE, said the platform allows residents, businesses and organizations an opportunity to support city initiatives that are in line with their values and mission. “We are in a time when crowdfunding (GoFundMe, Cash App) is prevalent and inquiries are often made about how people can help provide support financially for City-sponsored initiatives, it just makes sense to have a secure online contribution platform like GiveMKE. Just as important as monetary contributions, we are also seeking those willing to give their time to support a cause,” Alderman Stamper said. “GiveMKE also allows individuals to sign up to volunteer for these events, so I strongly encourage anyone who has the time to consider donating their time as a volunteer as well.”

Current Official City-sponsored Events That Can Be Supported via GiveMKE Include:

- ▶ Girls’ Day at City Hall
- ▶ Juneteenth Day Celebration
- ▶ MKE Business Now Entrepreneurship Summit
- ▶ Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- ▶ Bronzeville Week & HaRUNBee Walk/Run
- ▶ Black History Month
- ▶ Vel R. Phillips Statue Fund
- ▶ Hip Hop Week MKE
- ▶ Big Clean MKE
- ▶ Big Serve MKE
- ▶ MKE Community Excellence Program
- ▶ Alert Neighbor Program (Nosey Neighbor Program)
- ▶ MKE Community Excellence Program

The secure GiveMKE platform allows donors the option of using a credit card (all major credit cards accepted) or debit card when making a contribution.

For answers to questions or for more information about GiveMKE, please call **(414) 286-2233** or send an email to tmacdo@milwaukee.gov.

HomeSAFE: Knowledge is Power!

The Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) has developed HomeSAFE, an educational program designed to inform and empower the public on building code and neighborhood issues. Go to milwaukee.gov/HomeSAFE to learn more about HomeSAFE.

Through a combination of in-person and live digital educational presentations, and an online resource library, HomeSAFE strives to bring helpful information to Milwaukee’s citizens to keep them safe, healthy and happy.





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Note MHD Changes to COVID-19 Services

Following the announcement of the expiration of the federal emergency declaration on May 11, and the end of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Community Testing Support Program, the Milwaukee Health Department announced changes to COVID-19 community vaccination and testing sites. COVID-19 vaccination will continue to be available **for free** without an appointment at Milwaukee Health Department clinics. Hours of operation are available at Milwaukee.gov/COVIDvax.

Effective April 3, vaccination clinic hours changed.

The new vaccination clinic hours are:

Northwest Health Center • 7630 W. Mill Rd.

WEDNESDAYS 3:00–6:00PM

Keenan Sexual Health Clinic • 3200 N. 36th St.

FRIDAYS 10:00AM–1:00PM

Southside Health Center • 1639 S. 23rd St.

MONDAYS 3:00–6:00PM **TUESDAYS** 1:00–4:00PM



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